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RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SELF HELP GROUPS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up atleast one self-help group under SGSY in every habitation to be linked with bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government has provided any financial aid to NABARD for setting up of self- help groups;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken by the Government for implementing Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) & (b): In the National Conference on the Self-Help Group (SHG) movement and the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY held on 23rd & 24th June, 2001 at the National Institute of Rural Development, (NIRD), Hyderabad, it was resolved to form at least one Self Help Group in each habitation by the year 2004. There are about 14 lakh rural habitations in the country at present.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Rural Development have not provided any fund separately to the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD) for this purpose.

(e): The steps being taken for implementation of the SGSY include the following:

(i) Regular sensitization of the Implementing Agencies and the bank branches regarding the Programme.

(ii) Providing greater role and incentive to the NGOs for their involvement in the formation and capacity building of the SHGs and for post project monitoring.

(iii) Enhancement of training cost and making training free of cost for the Swarozgaris.

(iv) Encouraging States to provide marketing support to the Programme by creating necessary infrastructure.

(v) Field visits and review of the implementation of the Programme by the Monitoring Committee of the SGSY.

(vi) Review of the implementation of Programmes in different States by the Performance Review Committee.